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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN
Director of Central Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20305

Dear Admiral Turner, *Stan*

I am pleased that you can accept my invitation to serve as the principal speaker at the christening ceremony of the destroyer JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981), at the Ingalls Shipbuilding Division of Litton Industries, Pascagoula, Mississippi on October 29th, 1977.

JOHN HANCOCK (DD 981) is the fifth ship of the Fleet to be named in honor of John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress from May 25, 1775 to October 29, 1777. As holder of this office, Mr. Hancock, as you know, was the first signer of the Declaration of Independence.

We are honored and pleased that Pat and your mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Turner, will serve as sponsor and matron of honor, respectively, thus making the ceremony a "family affair" as JOHN HANCOCK prepares to take that first important step toward joining the Fleet.

Sincerely,

W. Graham Claytor, Jr.